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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee considered item 122 at its 39th, 40th and 44th meetings on 15, 16 and 19 December 1993. Observations and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.39, 40 and 44).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of travel and related entitlements for members of organs and subsidiary organs and staff members of the United Nations (A/C.5/48/14);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1993 (A/C.5/48/19) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/48/7/Add.4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa (A/C.5/48/28) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/48/745);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti (A/C.5/48/27) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/48/7/Add.3);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan (A/C.5/48/41). The report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally;

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/C.5/48/48). The report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally by its Chairman;

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (A/C.5/48/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4. At its forty-fourth meeting, on 19 November, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993 in the amounts shown in table 2 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/48) and the revised income estimates for the biennium 1992-1993, as shown in paragraph 33 of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 6).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision on the second performance report (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

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Final budget appropriation for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. The amount of 2,467,458,200 United States dollars appropriated by its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993 shall be decreased by $56,054,200 as follows:

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 47/212 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
PART I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination			
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	34 290 900	2 565 900	36 856 800
	TOTAL, PART I	34 290 900	2 565 900	36 856 800
PART II.	Political affairs			
2.	Peace-keeping operations and special missions	109 088 400	6 778 400	115 866 800
3.	Political and Security Council affairs	4 001 200	-	4 001 200
4.	Political and General Assembly affairs and secretariat services	2 971 100	(14 100)	2 957 000
5.	Disarmament	3 964 100	103 700	4 067 800
6.	Special political questions, regional cooperation, trusteeship and decolonization	2 851 500	128 500	2 980 000
7.	Elimination of apartheid	1 861 300	(71 900)	1 789 400
37.	Department of Political Affairs	43 766 900	(1 498 800)	42 268 100
	TOTAL, PART II	168 504 500	5 425 800	173 930 300
Part III.	International justice and law			
8.	International Court of Justice	18 485 000	1 230 300	19 715 300
9.	Legal activities	5 342 600	(18 800)	5 323 800
10.	Law of the sea and ocean affairs	2 022 300	(19 600)	2 002 700
38.	Legal activities	24 155 600	(2 344 100)	21 811 500
	TOTAL, PART III	50 005 500	(1 152 200)	48 853 300

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 47/212 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
PART IV.	International cooperation for development			
11.	Development and international economic cooperation	11 360 200	1 340 000	12 700 200
12.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	40 146 200	(6 042 500)	34 103 700
13.	Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	13 177 400	(162 100)	13 015 300
14.	Department of Technical Cooperation for Development	6 786 300	(26 900)	6 759 400
15.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	96 927 200	(4 026 600)	92 900 600
16.	International Trade Centre	18 489 800	(1 024 600)	17 465 200
17.	United Nations Environment Programme	12 332 300	314 200	12 646 500
18.	Centre for Science and Technology for Development	1 133 100	(21 600)	1 111 500
19.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	12 029 900	(1 974 000)	10 055 900
20.	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	3 478 700	(213 900)	3 264 800
21.	Social development and humanitarian affairs	10 492 900	396 800	10 889 700
22.	International drug control	13 383 800	(214 600)	13 169 200
39A.	Policy coordination and sustainable development	16 966 500	(1 254 700)	15 711 800
39B.	Economic and social information and policy analysis	16 664 700	(843 900)	15 820 800
39C.	Development support and management services	10 843 500	(822 300)	10 021 200
39D.	Policy-making organs	2 002 100	(1 036 200)	965 900
39E.	Department of Economic and Social Development	41 587 000	(315 800)	41 271 200
	TOTAL, PART IV	327 801 600	(15 928 700)	311 872 900

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 47/212 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development			
23.	Economic Commission for Africa	72 049 300	(3 323 300)	68 726 000
24.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	55 301 900	(3 019 700)	52 282 200
25.	Economic Commission for Europe	42 509 800	(2 488 300)	40 021 500
26.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	67 350 700	(1 138 900)	66 211 800
27.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	45 333 900	(12 968 000)	32 365 900
	TOTAL, PART V	282 545 600	(22 938 200)	259 607 400
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs			
28.	Human rights	25 158 600	(155 400)	25 003 200
29.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	63 611 700	(284 400)	63 327 300
30.	Disaster relief operations	2 010 600	(59 400)	1 951 200
40.	Department of Humanitarian Affairs	10 216 400	393 400	10 609 800
	TOTAL, PART VI	100 997 300	(105 800)	100 891 500
PART VII.	Public information			
31.	Public information	111 842 000	2 921 800	114 763 800
	TOTAL, PART VII	111 842 000	2 921 800	114 763 800
PART VIII.	Common support services			
32.	Conference services	106 150 800	1 210 300	107 361 100
33.	Administration and management	103 110 200	(3 645 700)	99 464 500
41.	Administration and management	634 567 300	707 200	635 274 500
	TOTAL, PART VIII	843 828 300	(1 728 200)	842 100 100

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 47/212 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
PART IX.	Special expenses			
	34. Special expenses	47 661 700	3 771 200	51 432 900
	TOTAL, PART IX	47 661 700	3 771 200	51 432 900
PART X.	Capital expenditures			
	35. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	98 850 200	(486 400)	98 363 800
	TOTAL, PART X	98 850 200	(486 400)	98 363 800
PART XI.	Staff assessment			
	36. Staff assessment	401 130 600	(28 399 400)	372 731 200
	TOTAL, PART XI	401 130 600	(28 399 400)	372 731 200
	GRAND TOTAL	2 467 458 200	(56 054 200)	2 411 404 000

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical cooperation under section 12, part IV, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium does not exceed 24 months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of $51,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1992-1993 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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Final income estimates for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. The estimates of income in the amount of 471,016,400 United States dollars approved by its resolution 47/220 B of 23 December 1992 shall be decreased by $27,696,300 as follows:

		Amount approved by resolution 47/220 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final income estimates
Income sections			(United States dollars)	
PART I.	Income from staff assessment			
1.	Income from staff assessment	408 003 900	(29 820 900)	378 183 000
	TOTAL, PART I	408 003 900	(29 820 900)	378 183 300
PART II.	Other income			
2.	General income	59 295 200	(1 802 400)	57 492 000
3.	Services to the public	3 717 300	3 927 000	7 644 300
	TOTAL, PART II	63 012 500	2 124 600	65 137 000
	GRAND TOTAL	471 016 400	(27 696 300)	443 320 100

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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7. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly:

(a) Approves provisionally the revised estimates of expenditure and income for the biennium 1992-1993 as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

(b) Decides to consider in detail the second performance report at its resumed forty-eighth session;

(c) Notes that the budget performance report was not in accordance with section XXVI, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 47/219 of 23 December 1992 with respect to timeliness and transparency, and requests the Secretary-General to comply with the above-mentioned resolution;

(d) Reiterates its endorsement of the recommendation of the Board of Auditors contained in paragraphs 193 to 196 of its report 2/ that payments to supernumerary staff should not have been effected without prior approval of the General Assembly;

(e) Notes that such approval has not been requested and that, therefore, such payments were not authorized by the General Assembly;

(f) Requests the Secretary-General to provide all information on all aspects of the use of supernumeraries during the bienniums 1990-1991 and 1992-1993 in a written report to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session;

(g) Invites the Board of Auditors to include in its audit of the regular budget accounts of the biennium 1992-1993 the question of supernumeraries as well as its findings concerning vacancies in regular budget posts resulting from the deployment of staff to peace-keeping operations and the impact of such vacancies on salaries and common staff costs incurred during the biennium.

1/ A/C.5/48/48.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/47/7), vol. I.